

Proclamation Thanking Calhoun County Senior Millage Association Committee (SMAC), Albion Homer United Way, Albion Community Foundation and Battle Creek YMCA for Generously Supporting Community Needs during COVID-19 Pandemic

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public health emergency and on 11 March 2020 by Executive Order 2020-4, Governor Whitmer declared a State of Emergency for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the suspension of all non-essential organizational functions, required closures of all schools and most businesses, the substantial curtailment of those businesses remaining open in a modified operating status, and the mandate for all non-essential personnel to stay home ordered by Governor Whitmer in Executive Order 2020-21 has disrupted the lives of every member of our community, and placed financial strain on those now out of work, especially those at the lower end of the economic spectrum; and

WHEREAS, rapidly evolving community needs during this COVID-19 emergency demand resources be quickly made available with the highest degree of flexibility and inter-organizational cooperation; and

WHEREAS, local charitable organizations including the Calhoun County Senior Millage Association Committee (SMAC), Albion – Homer United Way, Albion Community Foundation and the Battle Creek YMCA responded immediately through cooperation and collaboration to provide critical resources needed by the Albion-Homer communities such as temporary childcare for essential personnel, supplemental food supplies and other necessary resources; and

WHEREAS, the resourcefulness, compassion and cooperation demonstrated by the leadership of these organizations reflects the highest standards of public service.

Now, therefore, the members of this City Council declare our gratitude and highest compliments to Helen Guzzo, Jill Hind, Tim Krause, Marcia Starkey and Shane Williamson for their leadership, determination and compassion.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of ALBION, MICHIGAN on this 6th day of APRIL, in the year 2020.

Honorable _____

Dave Atchison

Mayor City of Albion, Michigan

